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The Poor Man Will Soon Again Be Among The Popular Crowd--The Assessor Starts To Work On March First.

WILL GET THE ROAD.

County Board Acts Favorably For Hoisington Petitioners.

A large delegation of Hoisington citizens were in the city Monday to meet with the board of County Commissioners regarding the opening of the proposed road into that city from the east, and to ask that the board grant the petition for the same.

The road which was viewed by the board at their last meeting is one which comes into Hoisington along the railroad right-of-way in the east part of the city and does away with the old hill road, as a county road, which has always been a hard piece of road to keep in good shape as well as being dangerous. The proposed road goes through the farms of Matt Sausen, of Hoisington, and John P. Hlatt, a non-resident, living at Oklahe, Iowa, and it was on account of the high damages set by these land owners that the commissioners hesitated about ordering the road opened. Mr. Sausen, whose land lies next to the city, asked \$200 per acre for his land that the road would take, and also \$8 per acre damages for the loss of the growing wheat and \$12.00 per acre for the growing alfalfa on the land, and this amount the commissioners considered excessive. The Hoisington people also thought the price was a little more than the board should be asked to pay, but as they were anxious for the road to be opened they made the proposition for the commissioners to fix whatever value on the land they thought proper, and they would, out of their own pockets, make up the sum of \$150 to further reimburse Mr. Sausen. The road will take about three and one-half acres of Mr. Sausen's land, and the board made the following apportionment:

For the acre of land closest to town, \$150.00; for the next acre, \$120.00; and \$100.00 per acre for the balance, which will make the amount almost that asked by Mr. Sausen and will probably be agreeable to him. He is also allowed 40 cents per rod for moving his fence.

Mr. Hlatt's land lies still east of the Sausen farm, and for 6 acres of this land which the road would take the gentleman from Iowa asked a total of \$2,228, an amount which the board justly deemed exorbitant, for the land lies farther away from town than the Sausen farm, and if any difference is not as good land, and after discussing the matter the board made an apportionment of \$80 per acre for the Hlatt tract, and a further allowance of 40 cents per rod for moving the fence, which is undoubtedly paying all the land is worth, and is fully as much as would be allowed the owner in any court of law. The change is one which has been badly needed by the people of Hoisington for a long time, and a concession to which they are surely entitled.

JURORS FOR MARCH TERM.

The following is the list of jurors who have been summoned for the March term of the district court. It will be noticed that two ladies have been drawn on the jury, the first time a woman has ever been summoned for jury service in Barton county.

Philip Ochs, Wheatland twp.
Cleve Gustin, Albion twp.
J. L. Miller, Albion twp.
John Cook, Great Bend.
Frank Peschka, Cheyenne twp.
Sam Sprague, Grant twp.
D. P. Robertson, South Bend twp.
Will A. Koch, Lakin twp.
Henry Bitter, Union twp.
N. P. Nelson, South Bend twp.
E. C. Grizzell, Independent twp.
J. O. Tucker, South Bend twp.
Grace Allison, Great Bend.
George Everett, Buffalo twp.
B. F. Stout, Independent twp.
E. Z. Gano, Great Bend.
N. A. Anderson, Hoisington.
O. R. Patterson, Great Bend.
Anna Maika, Great Bend.
M. S. Keizer, Great Bend.
Chas. Dirks, Clarence twp.
Dave Ewing, Buffalo twp.
G. A. Funk, Fairview twp.
Ed Batchman, Comanche twp.
The term of the district court will convene on March 4th.

MADE GOOD IN OIL FIELD.

Judge T. H. Brewer was down from Pawnee Rock one day last week on a little business trip and for a visit with his many old time friends. Mr. Brewer has lately returned from the oil fields of Oklahoma in which a number of Pawnee Rock people are quite heavily interested and where he and his wife spent several weeks looking after business interests and visiting. He says that he is well satisfied with his investment in the oil fields as are all of the Pawnee Rock people. Besides already getting back all of his original investment, he is now about \$2,000 to the good, and he still has a nice little income every day from the investment. The many friends of Mr. Brewer here will be glad to hear of his good fortune and that of his neighbors.

Fred Grunwald came in from Denver the first of the week for a visit with his brother, Frank Grunwald and family, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. W. Warner, of the south side, underwent an operation at the St. Rose hospital the first of the week for gall stones. Her condition was very critical for a time, but she is now reported as getting along in good shape.

Those from that city who were here Monday in behalf of the movement were Tom Morrison, Harry Wildgen, W. B. Lucas, J. H. Harman, Roy Cornelius, John S. Stoskopf, Ed Childs, John Lewis, George Mitchell and Harry Millard.

THOMAS B. CONNELLY DIES OF HEART FAILURE.

Found Dead Wednesday Morning By Peter Eichman at Stable Door—Died Without a Struggle.

Yesterday forenoon word was telephoned to town that Tom Connelly was found dead at his farm near the north Barton county line.

His body was found by Pete Eichman, who called at the house on telephone business and inquired for Tom. He was told by the old folks that their son was out at the barn getting his team ready to go to Hoisington. Mr. Eichman found him at the stable door laying on his back, dead. He had expired without a struggle as he entered the stable door.

Mr. Connelly was one of the early settlers of Barton county, having lived here for thirty-five years. He was a big hearted man and one of the best neighbors. He had never married and was caring for his parents, who are past 80 years old.

Besides his parents he leaves two brothers and one sister. They are John Connelly of Gueda Springs, Kansas, Pete Connelly of Oklahoma, and Mrs. John Selless of Russell county.

Funeral services will be held at St. Katherine's church at Duquoy, Saturday morning, conducted by Frs. Maher and O'Sullivan. Interment will be made in the Duquoy cemetery.

Mr. Connelly was born in New York state and at the time of his death was 60 years, 10 months and 23 days old.—Hoisington Dispatch.

J. P. Weber and Tony Anshetter were business visitors from Ellinwood Wednesday.

KANSAS TWINE AT COST NOW; The Penitentiary Plant Not to Be Opened for Profit

Topeka, Jan. 24.—The Kansas penitentiary twine plant will not make any profits hereafter and all the profits will go to the Kansas farmers. This announcement was made today by W. L. Brown, chairman of the board of corrections. In past years the twine plant has shown profit to the state each year and last spring accumulated profits of \$50,000 were turned into the state treasury.

All the twine manufactured by the plant this year will be sold in Kansas and none made for outside the state, and every dealer buying the penitentiary twine will get it at exactly the same price.

"The plant will be able to furnish one and one-half million pounds of twine for the coming harvest," said Major Brown. "The cost of manufacture in 1913 was 6.93 cents a pound. This year, on account of purchasing the sisal cheaper it will be 6.71 cents a pound. To this, of course, will have to be added a percent to cover the upkeep of the plant."

"Heretofore it has been the policy of the administration to sell to local dealers at one price and this included co-operative stores, but to granges, farmers' unions and equity unions a higher price was charged. This year these chartered organizations will receive exactly the same terms, accommodations and prices that are made to local dealers. This year all of the twine will be sold inside the state. The price will be established February 2, the next meeting of the board."

HIATT.

Mrs. Amelia Hiatt passed away in this city Saturday, January 31st, following an operation for peritonitis. She was aged 30 years and 2 months. Two weeks ago with her husband, L. Hiatt, she was called to Larned by the death of Mr. Hiatt's mother and while there was taken ill and was immediately brought to this city for treatment, and her condition was such that it was necessary that she undergo an operation at once but the attack had been so severe that her recovery was impossible.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt have been residents of Great Bend for the past year, Mr. Hiatt being an employee of the E. R. Moses Merc. Co., while his wife was employed in the Wilson & McCracken cleaning establishment. She was a woman who is very highly spoken of by all who knew her, and her untimely death was a sad shock to her many friends. Besides her husband she leaves here to mourn her loss one sister, Mrs. Harry Cole, besides other relatives living at a distance.

The remains were taken to Larned Monday morning for interment in the cemetery at that place.

A marriage license was issued on January 30th, to George Devine, aged 26, and Miss Anna McGinty, aged 26, both of Seward.

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MAUPIN BACK TO ASYLUM.

Recently Paroled Insane Man Again Becomes Violent.

Oscar Maupin, the Comanche township farmer who was adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Topeka shortly before Christmas, and who was paroled from that institution about three weeks ago, became violent again last week and on Sunday afternoon was again taken into custody, and was taken back to the asylum by Sheriff Brown and Deputy Joe Goodwin the first of the week where he will now probably remain for some time.

After being taken to the asylum the first time, Maupin succeeded in convincing the officers of the institution of his sanity by telling them that he simply had an ungovernable temper, and that it was on this account, as he said he had been tempted by some of his neighbors, that he had gotten into his trouble, and so sincerely and rationally did he talk on the subject, and on his promises to stay away from his neighbors and keep his temper, the officers considered that he was entitled to a parole, but his actions since his release have been such as to demonstrate that he was an unsafe person to be at large whether he was insane or not.

Since coming back from the asylum it is reported that at various times he has threatened to take the lives of some of his neighbors, or to do them other injury, for what he deemed was his persecution in being taken charge of the other time, and altogether conducted himself in such a manner that it was unsafe for any of the people of his community to meet him without being armed. On Saturday he mounted one of his horses and rode about the neighborhood threatening various persons, and it was then that the complaint was made to the officers that they again take him in charge and see that he was kept in safe keeping, and his actions on Sunday were such as to prove that the complaint was not made too soon.

There was a young lady working at the home, and on Sunday morning Maupin proceeded to barricade her in her room, nailing the doors shut so that she could not escape. Later in the morning he killed a cow and a hog and twice set the barn afire, but members of the family extinguished it before it got a good start. Upon the arrival of Under Sheriff Ed Brown, together with Deputies Axel Wemmergren and Joe Goodwin, Maupin was at the barn and made a run for the house to get his gun, and it is extremely fortunate that the officers were able to head him off, for undoubtedly if they had not the man would have committed murder upon them or some of the members of his family. As it was, it took the united efforts of the three to subdue him and get him shackled so that he could do no harm. After being placed in jail he was quiet until the officers started to take him to the asylum, when he again started trouble, but was quickly subdued.

Maupin has undergone a charge of heart in many things since being taken to the asylum the first time. During the first trial he spoke very bitterly against anyone who would use liquor or tobacco, but he now chews tobacco and in a talk with the Democrat man a few days ago expressed the opinion that "good old Missouri corn whiskey was one of the best things ever invented—probably many of our readers will agree that Maupin's sanity was all right on that latter subject."

The man talks rationally at times, and when he is not in one of his spells could easily convince anyone of his sanity, but he is liable to "fly off the handle" at any minute, and especially when he talks on what he believes was his persecution, and the people of the community will undoubtedly sleep better at night, knowing he is in safe confinement.

Will Schrier left for Oklahoma City Tuesday evening on a business trip for the Merritt-Schrier Creamery Co.

Henry Koersch Jr. and George F. Trump were among the Ellinwood people who were looking after business matters in the city Wednesday.

Wake Ales, of northwest of town, is still suffering considerably from a severe attack of rheumatism. He is some better than he has been but is still far from well.



View of the new river bridge recently completed at Great Bend. It is said to be one of the best concrete and steel bridges in the state. Photo by Dirks.

Flem Harris came down from Kinsley this week for a visit with relatives and friends and to look after business matters. Flem is engaged in the real estate business in Kinsley and says he has been enjoying a good business in spite of the dull times, and he reports the prospects in that part of the country as being excellent.

CARROLL-KENNEY.

Robert Carroll and Miss Ethel Kenney, two of the popular young people of Albion township, were united in marriage by Justice Judge Hall in his office Wednesday afternoon. George Carroll, brother of the groom, and Miss Marjorie accompanied the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll are among the well known and most highly respected young people of the county, and their many acquaintances and friends join in wishing for them a long and happy wedded life.

Mrs. George Crummack left this week for Wichita for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Young.

Coming spring time now. Don't you think it is about time to buy that boy the buggy that you promised him last fall. We have them at hard time prices. L. B. WILCOX.

Miss Glenda Plankenhorn returned Sunday from Kansas City where she has been receiving treatment in one of the hospitals for several weeks past. Her health has been very poor for several months past, but she is improving nicely now.

Why buy linseed oil doped with fish oil, gasoline, etc? You can get the genuine old-fashioned pure raw linseed oil, made from selected Minnesota flax, and warranted every drop pure, for only 65 cents a gallon, at Bondurant's Quality Paint & Hardware store. Agents for Sherwin-Williams fine paints.

Messrs. Thomas and Jenkins were here from Gage, Okla., the first of the week to inspect the Merritt herd of fine dairy cattle and purchase some of the stock. The Merritt herd is known all over the country as one of the finest dairy herds in this part of the United States and this only trouble the owners have is in keeping enough stock on hand to supply the demand.

Joe Schenk was a business visitor from Olmitz last Friday.

Roy Carrier, Thos. Goodwin, Clarence Quigley and Oscar Shafer were in Hutchinson Sunday attending the big revival services being held in that city.

Ralph Sparks, who has been in charge of the Western Union telegraph office here, has been transferred to Kingman, and the place here is now filled by P. P. Hughes.

It won't be long until spring and you will be wanting some farm implements. Let us know how many Jamesville Listers and Cultivators you need for 1914. L. B. WILCOX.

Joe Mikulasech was down from Olmitz Monday to take out his second naturalization papers. Adam Funk, of Cleveland township, together with his sons, Charlie and Jacob, were also here to take out naturalization papers.

We have a new thing for this part of the country and every farmer should have one on his wagon. It is springs for a lumber wagon altogether different from anything you ever saw. Simply makes a spring wagon, and you can't afford to be without one. L. B. WILCOX.

County Clerk Charles Younkin has joined the ranks of those who are assisting in swelling the fortunes of the oil trust, having purchased a Buick automobile last week, and he is now dividing his spare time between looking after his Rhode Island Red chickens and studying the "innards" of his speed wagon.

Will Schartz, of Ellinwood, was in the city Wednesday on his way home from a business trip to Alexander. He was hunting for horses this time, instead of coons, and while on the trip purchased a team of fine young colts which he brought back with him.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



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THREE-COL. CARTOONS—2529 PLATES